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are close to the people at home, they can make the determination whether or not they should provide some sort of reduction for those consumers and, yes, Senator Kahle, you are correct. If you are going to have a reduction in one area it is going to have to be made up but I am sorry, my sympathy in this particular case is not with the farmer who irrigates thousands of acres. It is not with a cattle farmer. It is not with big business. It is with the consumers. I think it is about time the State of Nebraska, that consumers begin to get one fourth of the breaks, one fourth of the breaks we give to big business and all this amendment would do would be to allow those local officials to be able to make that determination.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, then Senator Murphy, and then Senator Fowler. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, my good friend, Senator Simon, I share your concern about those individuals who have the problem as we all do from time to time of meeting the cost of our utility bills. However, I would have to remind you that there are those of us who have no choice except to rely upon utilities to earn a living and when you suggest that we are going to provide a certain amount of kilowatts to an individual and to every individual of what you call a lifeline rate, the fact is that someone needs to pay for the cost of the installation of the generation equipment. Someone needs to pay for the cost of the transmission equipment. Someone needs to pay for the cost of the maintenance equipment. Now it is a well acknowledged fact in business, Senator Simon, that those individuals who provide volume also provide a service to the individual who uses a lower amount of rate, a lower amount of the product. It is a very strange concept of business when you condemn those businesses and those farmers and those individuals who by the nature of their business, need to use the product to provide the food, to provide the services, to provide the very lifeline that you need to live with. There isn't any way in the world that a farm operation such as my own can exist without utilizing thousands of kilowatts of electricity. I wish in God's name there was a way that I could do it for less. There isn't any way in the world that we consciously utilize or burn more kilowatt hours of electricity than are necessary. You talk about conservation. Conservation consists of someone who has to cut down his utility bill by various